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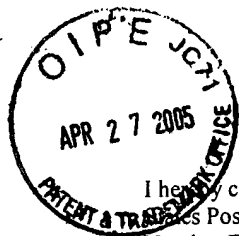
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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2005, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the specification and claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Since after the Amendment, 26 claims remain pending, of which 8 are independent, and since in the application, 39 claims were paid for, of which 8 were independent, no additional fee is believed due.

However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Amendment Under Rule 1.111, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this Amendment.